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IN THE DESCRIPTION

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, as follows:

According to the present invention, ~~therefore~~ a method for the authentication of data communicated from an originator to a destination is provided. A keyed-hashing technique is used according to which data to be authenticated is concatenated with a private key and then processed with a cryptographic hash function. The data are then transmitted together with the digest of the hash function from the originator to the destination. The data comprise temporal validity information representing the limited temporal validity of the data.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, as follows:

The destination can be designed to generate an acknowledgement key by a keyed-hashing method on the basis of second random data and the private key and to transmit the acknowledgement key to the originator in case the verification of the authenticity and the temporal validity of the login key is positive. The originator is designed to verify the acknowledgement key.